GOOD NEWS! FOR HOMEMAKERS

Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Household Appliances and Service Life

If your are budgeting for a new home freezer or a refrigerator, you may want to have an idea of how long the appliance might last. According to the US Department of Agriculture, families keep a new home freezer an average of 20 years and a new refrigerator 15 years.

Divide the cost of your freezer by the 20 years service expectancy to compute the amount your freezer will cost you annually. Now is a good time to purchase a freezer before the demand for them is so great. Most appliance dealers have a good supply of them so your choice of models and types is greater.

The average service life expectancies of other appliances are:

gas range–13 years
electric range–12 years
dishwasher–11 years
washing machine–11 years
electric clothes dryer–14 years
gas clothes dryer–13 years
B & W television–11 years
color–12 years

These figures show current practice in the use or life of the equipment indicating how long, on the average, consumers keep appliances but not how long they could last.

The use-care manual for an appliance is most important. If this manual is carefully followed, the life of the appliance will be lengthened. Good care and proper use of an appliance will greatly enhance its performance.

Should you have misplaced your use-care manual, check with your appliance dealer to get the manufacturer's address and write for another one. Some companies charge for these and some do not.

If you have a homemaking problem or question, you may call (352-8244) or write (P. O. Box 488, Appomattox 24522) the Appomattox Extension Office.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Polish Cole Slaw
Salad Mixture

1 medium cabbage, shredded
1 medium onion, sliced
1 small green pepper, sliced
1 carrot, chopped fine
½ cup sugar

Dressing Mixture

1 cup vinegar
½ cup salad oil
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon celery seed

Arrange vegetables in layers in bowl, sprinkling sugar over each layer. Combine all ingredients for dressing in sauce pan. Bring to boiling point. Pour over cabbage mixture. Cover and let stand for one hour. Mix and refrigerate. (For best flavor, refrigerate overnight before serving.)

We thought you should know...

that in the area of medical malpractice suits, in our state, ten times as many million-dollar awards have been made since 1976 then in all the years before. The growing volume of such suits is adding more than $3 billion to the nation's annual cost of health care, according to HEW.

What's the point? The point is, this is just one of the many circumstances helping to push the cost of insurance beyond the reach of many.

You can help by talking to your neighbors and friends, writing your representatives in government and contacting your insurance commissioner. Or, by talking to us.

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ACHS Honor Roll

The following students have made the honor roll for the third six weeks.

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Girls - Jamie McLean.

B HONOR ROLL - Boys - Dickie Beale, David Caldwell, Ernie Chernault, Tim Davidson, Timmy Marshall, Richard Mitchell, Mark Paulette, Ronnie Robinson, Kenny Shorter, Craig Smith, Scott Stevens.

Girls - Margie Coleman, Linda Cowan, Terri Dalton, Melinda Davis, Ivette Ferguson, Rita Ferguson, Agnes Lewis, Lori Mitchell, Lisa Moore, Rhonda Nash, Beverly Oxner, Debbie Roach, Robin Spiggle, Linnh St. John, Sharon White.

Honorable Mention - Boys - Bobby Mitchell, Mark Pierce

HONORABLE MENTION - Girls - Debbie Baldwin, Tammy Book, Teresa Campbell, Mitzi Chandler.

10th GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Boys - Benny Harvey

Girls - Beth Carter, Donna Cawthorne, Cheryl Conner, Molly Handy Sue Lawson, Virginia Ragland, Cindy Roach.

B HONOR ROLL - Boys - Jimmy Baxter, R. L. Cordell, J. J. Daulton, Chuck Davis, Duane Gilliam, Tim Guill, Ronnie Harris, Chris Johnson, David Kembel, Gordon Lawson, Freddy Mitchell, Tony Smith, David Stratton.

Girls - Selina Booker, Sharon Bryant, Susan Campbell, Carol Carson, Mildred Crews, Rhonda Doss, Wanda Doss, Shelby Dunnam, Mary Dyess, Sherrie Harris, Missy Harvey, Donna Hodges, Leslie King, Teresa Lettner, Carolyn Lewis, Teresa Lively, Crystal Mays, Mitchelle Paris, Tamara Nash, Rita Reynolds, Sharon Roach, Susan Smith, Linda Torrence, Faith Vaughn, Theresa Watts, Renee Williams, Sharon Woody.

HONORABLE MENTION - Boys - Joe Fraley, Andrew Kelso, Tim Martin, Donald Parris.

Girls - Janet Booker, Sherrie Covington, Michelle Crowe, Vicki Duff, Cheryl Elliott, Karen Fratrick, Garlene Gaines, Donna Gunter, June Harris, Martha Maxwell, Juanita Patterson, Vicky Reed, Debra Rice, Michelle Tweedy, Lisa White.

11th GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Boys - Glen Duff, David Eye

Girls - Polly Carter, Rindy Lawson, Berneta Moore, Marlene Moore, Connie Murray, Lynn Nelson.

B HONOR ROLL - Boys - Robert Carter, Walker Covington, Richard Guill, Kevin Jones, Rodney Lawson, William Martin, Robin Moore.

Girls - Rosa Abbitt, Teresa Almond, Cheryl Atkins, Judy Ayers, Penny Cabiness, Rose Chandler, Shelly Davidson, Peggy Finnecannon, Janet Fitzgerald, Marie Fraley, Veronica Franklin, Rose Glenn, Marzetta Hodnett, Zelda Holt, Martha Kelso, Shirley Kress, Loretta Lettner, Roxanne Martin, Sheryl Martin, Bernice McIvor, Donna Mitchell, Kathy Mitchell, Debbie Mottley Laurie Sels, Laura Shorter, Nancy Stratton.

HONORABLE MENTION - Boys - James Burks, R. L. Harris, Darrell Puckett.

Girls - Brenda Bowling, Terri Davis, Alice Franklin, Holly Franklin, Doris Hughes, Melinda Lee, Eleanor Lewis, Ann McCraw, Sandra Pankey, Evelyn Webb.

12th GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Boys - Joe Ford

Girls - Lisa Dickerson, Shelia Goin, Rita Page, Gail Moore, Susan Rosser, Robin Tomlin.

B HONOR ROLL - Boys - Donald Harvey, Donald Harvey, Mike Jarrell, Mark Lyons, Bobby Smith, Tony Snell.

Girls - Belinda Elliott, Kim Ferguson, Janice Giles, Vicki Glover, Karen Godsey, Carolyn Grishaw, Kathy Gunter, Gloria Hamlett, Cynthia Hix, Mary Ann Lewis, Janet McFadden, Debbie Moore, Wanda Phelps, Julie Shea, Carolyn Smith, Kathy Turner, Diedre Tweedy, Juanita Walker.

HONORABLE MENTION - Boys - Mitch Eggleston, David Jones, Hunter Marshall, Fleming Moore, Richard Notestein, William Perdue, Jerry Womack.

Girls - Tamie Davis, Arlene Ferguson, Betty Garrett, Mary Glover, Juanita Harvey, Beth Jones, Claudia Kress, Lisa Mitchell, Brenda Nash, Gaye Phelps, Dawn Rush, Cheryl Sharp, Debbie Webber.

Senior Honor Roll

A - Jane Covington, Teresa Cyrus, Karen Carter

B Honor Roll - Ken Belter, Cindy Almond, Wanda Browder, Willa Coleman

Honorable Mention - William Basemore, Brenda Basemore, Brenda Bagby, Wayne Austin.

FHA CHAPTER MEMBERS VISIT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Several members of the Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America visited Appomattox Primary School on Thursday of last week and led the kindergarten children in games. In the photo above are Clay Jones, Sandy Jamerson, Robert Christian, Penny Elliott, Teresa Cyrus, Tracy Dowdy, Pam Taylor, Cheryl Elliott, Mary Dyess, Shelby Smith and Tammy Womack.

Estelle Daniels

HERO Girl of the Month

Our HERO Girl of the Month is a Senior and has taken Occupational Clothing for two years and Home Economics three years. She has modeled in the Five County Fair for two years. This year she serves as a HEROofficer. She helped at the Railroad Festival and is a member of the finance committee and chairman of the HERO Week Committee. Our HERO Girl of the Month is our treasurer, Estelle Daniels, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Daniels of Appomattox, Virginia.

Con-Terra Announces Arts & Crafts Winners

Con-Terra Woman's Club of Concord recently held it's annual Arts & Crafts Show, Monday, Feb. 14th. This year as we did last, it was held with the Rustburg Woman's Club, at the Central United Methodist Church, in Rustburg. Mrs. Melvin Giles was chairman for the event.

The Art exhibit by the Rustburg High school Art Department, Mrs. Lee instructor, was judged in the afternoon. The judges were: Mrs. Epps Perrow, Mrs. Pat Harrington, Mrs. Kitty Gibson, and Mr. Doug Gillette, Art Director for the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. The following ribbons were awarded to exhibitors representing Con-Terra: Phyllis Litchford, Blue; Timmy Crance, Blue; Steve Elliott, Blue; Kaye Franklin, Red; Jerome Elliott, Red; Donna Rutlegde, Red; Jimmy Morgan, Yellow; Sally Johnson, Yellow. The art exhibit was highly praised by the judges for its quality.

The Crafts portion of our show was judged Monday night when the members of Con-Terra joined Rustburg Woman's Club for their monthly meeting.

The judges for this were, Mrs. V. A. Staton, Mrs. Emily Galloday, Mrs. Maude Braford. Winners were as follows: Misc. creations--Salt dough bread basket-Blue Mrs. Joseph Dutka Crocheting-adult-Blue-Mrs. David Stokes, Knitting - children's apparel, Blue, Mrs. Otis Henderson, Kit Korner-decoraqued pocketbook-Red, Mrs. Wiley Wariner, Weaving-Hot pad, Red, Mrs. Joseph Dutka, Sewing-adult, Blue, Red & Yellow, Mrs. Melvin Giles, Sewing-Children - Red, Mrs. Wiley Wariner, Decorative Craft-Red-Mrs. Jerry French.

Please keep in mind the meeting Tuesday February 22, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Dutka.

Completes Infantry Combat Training Course

FEB. 17 - Marine Private John E. Jamerson, Jr., son of Gwendolyn G. Jamerson of Rt. 1, Box 245, Pamplin, Va., has completed the infantry combat training course at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

During the six-week course, he received classroom instruction and participated in field exercises involving infantry tactics; the construction and camouflage of fighting positions; and the use of mines, demolitions, and intra-company communications equipment. His specialized training centered on the duties of a rifleman, with emphasis on squad tactics and the techniques of fire of the squad's weapons.

He joined the Marine Corps in August 1976.

Virginia Fibre Reports Wood Purchases For Week

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation in Riverville for the week ending February 13, 1977. The listing is by counties.

Albermale	$ 1,774.15
Amelia	1,340.46
Amherst	7,920.00
Appomattox	12,211.78
Augusta	
Bedford County	2,212.20
Buckingham	17,173.11
Prince William	816.75
Campbell	6,493.54
Charlotte	5,095.60
Cumberland	6,301.27
Goochland	
Nelson	14,672.72
New Kent	2,521.04
Pittsylvania	1,960.02
Prince Edward	2,841.14

FIDELITY DECLARED CASH DIVIDENDS

Lynchburg, Virginia, February 18, 1977... The Board of Directors of Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc., a Lynchburg-based registered bank holding company, has declared cash dividends of $.24 per share on its common stock and $1.50 per share on its cumulative convertible voting preferred stock, Series A.

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Then And Now

By Frances H. Paulette

In addition to his many other business and civic interests, Herbert raised and trained horses as a hobby. He furnished horses to the Riding Academy at Longwood College and to the State Parks. He is shown here with Mercury in 1943.

Part II "Herbert's Homecoming

"Number Please"

When the bright morning sun, streaming through his bedroom window fell on the face of young Herbert Carrington Pulliam, he awoke with a start. For a brief moment he couldn't remember where he was or even the date; he had slept more soundly than he had done in years. Then he remembered—he was home!! To be back in his beloved hometown of Appomattox had been his dream for the five years that he had been in the service of his country.

As Herbert lay in bed, he reflected with a tremendous sense of relief that the regimentation of army life was behind him. Then and only then did he remember! It was April—the year was 1920, and yesterday had been a real red-letter day in his young life. Not only did he arrive home from the Army but he had acquired a business—the local telephone company. With that sobering thought he bounded out of bed and quickly got dressed for his first day as a businessman.

The very first telephone service in Appomattox was provided by the late M. L. Earman and had its beginning around 1908 or 1909. It was located in the old A. H. Clement Hotel which was situated on the lot where the Appomattox Hotel was recently torn down.

At the time Mr. Pulliam acquired the telephone business it was located in the H. M. Burge building on the lower side of the Norfolk and Western tracks. On the first floor of the building Mr. Burge operated his merchantile business; the telephone company office was located on the second floor and the third floor was occupied by the Masons.

The first thing Mr. Pulliam was to learn after acquiring the telephone business was the amount of work that needed to be done. The lines reaching out into the county were "more down than up." A lot more hard work than young Herbert had ever experienced awaited him before he could bring the total number of subscribers to approximately fifty.

In the spring of 1927 Mr. Pulliam had to go to Albany, New York to purchase cable and other necessary equipment to maintain the lines. A trip that far in the 1920's was quite an undertaking and Herbert looked forward to getting back home and getting on with the task of the maintenance work on the company. Little did he know just what would be waiting for him when he reached Appomattox.

As the train from Albany pulled into the Appomattox Station the first thing that came into view was the charred remains of the building that had housed his telephone business! It was a sad, disheartening time for Herbert and the townspeople alike. The telephone company had lost everything, but Herbert was not easily defeated.

With the same determination a willingness to work hard, and enthusiasm that has made him a successful businessman, Herbert went to work to get the company going again. In a week and a half, after much back-breaking work, the cable for the phone lines had been run under the railroad tracks and the business was relocated over the late Dr. D. A. Christian's office. The telephone office space was rented from the late Mrs. F. L. Murphey (then Miss Mary Hester Babcock) and the Appomattox Hardware Company.

The Appomattox Hardware Company and Miss Babcock agreed to construct living quarters as well as space for the telephone office; it was, in fact, combined in one area, Mrs. H. B. West lived there with her two daughters, Dorothy and Helen. Mrs. West served as telephone operator both day and night.

Mrs. West was a very special operator in more ways than one! Not only did she perform her duties as operator with exceptional skill and devotion to duty, but went far beyond that. Let me explain--Mr. Pulliam told me the following true story. A gentleman from Lynchburg called a gentleman who was living here in Appomattox. (In those days the caller would ring the operator and ask her to get the party for them and then they would be connected to complete the call). Mrs. West very politely informed the caller from Lynchburg that the man to whom he wished to speak did not have a phone. Just as she was about to break the connection she looked out of the large upstairs window next to the switchboard (which afforded an excellent view of Main Street) and coming out of the Corner Drug Store was the very man being called. Quickly she informed the gentleman in Lynchburg that she saw his friend and if he would kindly hold on she would get the gentleman to the phone in the telephone office and they could hold their conservation! She did exactly that!! How's that for service beyond the call of duty?

Quite often when a child did not find his or her parent home when they returned from school, a call to Mrs. West would tell them just where their Mother was playing bridge that afternoon! More than once, Mrs. West served as information center for the people of Appomattox.

Mr. Pulliam stated that most of the telephones in the town of Appomattox were private lines but often the county lines had as many as fifteen parties on one line. He serviced the lines himself (riding horseback) and more than once he has been up the telephone pole and trying to make a test call, when he had to politely ask some of the long-winded women on the county lines to end their conversation so that he might continue with his work. According to Mr. Pulliam there were quite a few long-winded ladies in the days of "TEN"!

Just what did the luxury of a telephone cost in those days? To have the privacy and convenience of a private line it cost the subscriber $2.00 if it was a residence and all of $3.50 if it was a business phone.

Mr. Pulliam said that snow and ice in the winter and electrical storms during the summer months were the worst enemy of the telephone company, but "Hard-working Herbert" didn't let the service be disrupted for long.

I am sure there are many more interesting tales that Herbert could recall about his ownership of the phone company before he sold it in 1948 to Gills and Schuler. He loved his work, the people, and he loves going back into his storehouse of memories and living again those happy times. Thank you Herbert for letting us go with you and thank you most of all for the contribution you have made as a businessman and as a citizen of Appomattox County. I count it indeed a pleasure and an honor to have you as a friend! God Bless you.

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HOLLYWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Jr. and family of Alexandra spent Saturday with Mr. Watson's parents Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Watson, Sr. We are so glad Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr. is feeling better after a back injury.

We are happy to know Mrs. Hazel Harvey has returned home from the hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Beulah Morris of Buckingham is in the Southside Hospital in Farmville. We pray she may soon be better.

Mr. H. W. Jenkins goes today(Monday) for xrays. We pray he may soon be feeling real well again.

We were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mrs. Maggie Spiggle. Deepest sympathy is extended her love ones.

Mrs. Thomas Woodall received word Sunday that her cousin, Mrs. Shelby Coffee Messner of Lynchburg was killed in a car accident Friday night. Our deepest sympathy is extended her loved ones.

Mr. W. H. Wingfield was carried to his doctor in Lynchburg with an acute attack of bronchitis. He is back at home. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

We are very sorry Mrs. Scott Sheets is not well. We pray she may soon feel better.

We are so glad the Balthaser's are feeling better after a virus attack.

Lisa Woodall and April and William Watson have been real sick with colds and coughs. We are so glad they are better.

We were glad to see Miss Odell Webb and Mrs. L. L. Webb out Sunday after a seige of colds.

Mrs. Raymond Franklin visited Mrs. L. H. Watson Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb visited in this home Sunday night.

Rev. Clarence Davis and Mr. Calvin Smith were visitors Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent Thursday night with Mrs. M. L. Covington spent Thursday night with Mrs. M. L. Covington. Mrs. Covington spent the week-end with Mrs. Mary Bagby.

Mrs. Iva F. Covington spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robert Lucado and family of Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Woodall and Susan of Lynchburg visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall, Mrs. Mary Bagby and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb visited Mr. H. W. Jenkins Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family spent the week-end in Newport News with Mr. Deaners' mother, Mrs. Lucy Deaner at the Baptist Home and Mrs. Ioan Mayberry and Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Pickeral and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington and Ruby Woodall.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Pickeral and Tom visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sunday night.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES-VIRGINIAN

Melinda McIntosh

Who's Who In FBLA For January

The girl of the month for January has been very active in FBLA for three years. She attended Massanetta Springs Conference (July 19-23); she attended the officer's planning meeting in August; she brought material for the FBLA officers dresses, she planned the Price is Right program here and participated in the first club meeting in September. She attended the Longwood Fall Workshop and took pictures; sold Cherrydale Candy; participated in skit for December Talent Show and also wrapped presents for the Special Education class, and decorated for the December meeting. She typed reports for the school newspaper. She brought presents for our FBLA advisors. She is on the Welfare, Float, Social, and March of Dimes Committees.

The girl of the month for January is secretary of our chapter. She is Miss Melinda McIntosh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh.

APPOMATTOX SENIOR 4-H CLUB

Monday, Feb. 21, 1977 the Appomattox Senior 4-H Club met. First the meeting was called to order. Then we saw a filmstrip on South Dakota. Then we saw another filmstrip on Electric Congress, held in Richmond, Va. We talked about 4-H'ers who were interested in going on the Interstate Exchange group to South Dakota. We talked about public speaking which is coming up Feb. 24, 1977.

Then we all had refreshments and the meeting was adjourned.

Bill Vaughan, Reporter

Oakville Homemakers Club Met Feb. 3rd.

The Oakville Extension Homemakers Club held a joint meeting for January and February on February 3 at the Extension Office. There were 13 members present.

Mr. Warren Taylor, county forester, was the guest speaker for the morning program. He gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Forestry in Appomattox County and What It Means To All The People."

A covered dish luncheon was then enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Wiley Moore, president, presided over the business meeting. Forms were given to members on moving and discarding abandoned automobiles from Appomattox County.

Mrs. Vera Moore gave the federation program on "Log Cabins - Back To Basics".

Mrs. Shirley Walton gave the afternoon program on a subject that is of concern to all of us, "Physical Fitness and Nutrition."

Our next meeting will be on March 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Oakville School. The program topic will be "Dress Well For Less." New members and visitors are welcome.

Mrs. Ray Phelps
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